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Colonel Lytton has much
pleasure in forwarding to
Mr. Alston the copy of
the book of names of
the Royal Horticultural
Society.

1894
1895

At Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

TWO SILVER MEDALS,
TWENTY-EIGHT 1st PRIZES and
SEVEN 2nd PRIZES.

At Regina Territorial Exhibition.

TWO DIPLOMAS,
THIRTY-ONE 1st PRIZES and
SIX 2nd PRIZES.

At Winnipeg Flower Show.

SIX MEDALS and
SEVEN 1st PRIZES.



FLORIST

TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES
THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

RICHARD ALSTON, Royal Greenhouses

(Undoubtedly the Largest Establishment of the kind in the West.)

WINNIPEG, MAN.



Autumn Catalogue.

BULBS,

FOR FALL PLANTING.

PLANTS,

FOR WINTER FLOWERING.

CANARY BIRDS,

FOR SWEET SINGING.

THE STOVEL CO., PRINTERS, WINNIPEG.

... To my Patrons and Friends ...

My annual Fall Catalogue of Bulbs and Plants, I wish to return my warmest thanks for the liberal support you have given in the past, and here solicit a continuance of the same, with the renewed promise on my part that my best efforts and care shall be given to give satisfaction to all who may favor me with an order. I have, this season, reduced my list of handling now only such varieties as I know from experience are the very best for amateurs to grow. I import my bulbs direct from the growers, and can therefore guarantee to give you first-class bulbs; and as they are cheap and within the reach of all, and of such culture, every lover of plants, etc., should have a number of various kinds to liven up their collection of plants in the dead of the winter with their beautiful and fragrant blooms. I also list a number of plants that flower through the winter, all of which will be found to be very satisfactory for house culture in the winter months.

WHEN SHIPMENTS CAN BE MADE.—The general line of bulbs and plants will be ready for shipment by September 15th. The following kinds are not ready for shipment before early in November, as they are not matured enough to take up before that time: Astilba (Spirea) and Lily of the Valley. Therefore, please note that all general orders will be shipped as soon as received after September 1st, and the November bulbs will be omitted at the time of shipment, but will be forwarded as early in November as possible. Should you wish me to hold your general order until the November bulbs are ready, please so state.

ALWAYS GET YOUR BULBS EARLY.—It is advisable to get your bulbs in the ground as early as possible after the first of October. Sooner will do no harm in our locality. There is always a tendency towards reduced vitality very late in the season, although they can be planted as late as they can be got in the ground, yet those planted early give finer flowers. So beware of surprise collections of Fall Bulbs offered in the different catalogues for November and December delivery. It is also better to have plants shipped as early as possible after the 15th of September, so as to avoid any danger of frost so late in the year.

HOW I FORWARD BULBS AND PLANTS.—All bulbs ordered singly or by the dozen, will be sent by mail when so desired. When ordered, however, in larger quantities, they will be sent by express. **DO NOT HAVE YOUR PLANTS SENT BY MAIL.** As all the plants listed in this Catalogue are for immediate blooming, it will be far better to have them sent by express, if possible, as I can send larger plants. Of course in places where there is no express office, plants have to be sent by mail; in such cases I use the greatest skill and care to have them arrive in good condition.

On orders of \$1.00 or over, by mail, the postage will be prepaid, except where noted. Ten cents must be added to orders of less amount to help pay postage and packing.

The Cash must in every case accompany the order.

Money may be sent by post office or express order, bank draft or registered letter, at my risk; if sent in any other way, at your own risk. Do not send private cheques, as our banks charge for collecting such.

Catalogues sent free to any address.

Please use Order Sheet in making out your list, and carry out the prices.

Address—**RICHARD ALSTON,**
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

AWARDED AT WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, 1894:

1ST AND 2ND PRIZE FOR CARNATIONS.

1ST AND 2ND PRIZE FOR CUT ROSES.

1ST PRIZE FOR ROSES IN POTS.

GREENHOUSE SHOWING HOW AND WHERE WE GROW OUR ROSES AND CARNATIONS.



Cut Flower Department



THE taste and demand for natural flowers are increasing year by year, and one of the leading features of my business, I place them in a prominent position. Flowers are appropriate and acceptable on all occasions; to gratify a social gathering, to lend their beauty to the celebration of the family anniversary, or as a token of sympathy to the bereaved family, and also a favorite and appropriate gift from gentlemen to ladies.

As you may be in want of flowers, it is worth remembering that florists fully equipped for and doing a heavy trade, are in every way much better prepared to meet all your wants than those who do only a small business.

A large and varied demand calls for the constant use of the best flowers, in great assortment and quantity. Even then, without beauty of design and free artistic skill in putting them together, they are comparatively useless.

I do all the floral work myself, and having had more experience than anyone else in the city in this branch of the business, I can confidently guarantee to give satisfaction in all cases. To all my old friends and customers my taste and skill in using all the latest designs and ideas for making up flowers are well known. An aim in my establishment always has been to make every piece sent out an advertisement for the high and satisfactory quality of my work. To this rule is, owing, no doubt, the high reputation I enjoy for ability and promptness in turning out the most artistic floral work of every description.

Awarded 1st prize for Floral Design; 1st prize for Hand Bouquet at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

The floral designs shown on this page will show samples of the work I send out, and will also give any friends and patrons a chance of seeing the quantity and quality of my work as compared with that of other Winnipeg florists.

Nos. 1 to 15 supplied by R. Alston.

Nos. 16 to 20 by other florists.

HOW TO ORDER.

All orders by mail, telephone or telegraph will receive prompt and careful attention.

Flowers, carefully packed, carry for two or three days' journey by express.

Please state time flowers are wanted, to prevent possible mistakes, either early or late. Give me an idea what you desire—the quantity, quality and limit in value—that I may study your special wants, and I am satisfied I can please you.

In Ordering it must be remembered that at Easter, and during the midwinter holiday season (December 15 to January 15), the great demand for flowers make them very scarce and expensive; they are apt to cost nearly double ordinary prices. In summer, flowers do not average as choice and durable as in winter, and are more abundant: hence I deal them out in liberal quantities at the very lowest prices, unless confined to greenhouse flowers which do not vary a great deal.

Terms for Cut Flowers in any form strictly cash. If ordered by telegram, I ship C.O.D.

The prices of the following designs vary according to the season of the year, the quantity and quality of the flowers used, and the original cost of the framework, etc.



FLORAL DESIGNS FOR FUNERALS FILLED WITH CHOICE FLOWERS.—SENT BY EXPRESS ONLY.

APPROXIMATE PRICE LIST.	Inches—6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Wreaths	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
Crosses	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.50	8.00	10.00
Angels	2.00	3.50	5.00	6.00	7.50	10.00	12.00	15.00
Pillows with or without motto	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	25.00
Harps			4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	13.00	16.00
Lyres			4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	13.00	16.00
Stars	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	7.50	10.00	12.50
Hearts, filled in white or colors	1.50	3.50	5.00	6.00				
Sickles, flat			2.50	3.50	5.00	6.50	8.00	10.00
Crown and Cross, flat				5.00	6.50	8.00	10.00	12.00

	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Cross and Crown. Very handsome				\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$20.00
Broken Column				9.00	11.00	15.00	20.00	25.00
Crescent Wreath, flat	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$5.00	6.00	7.50	10.00	12.00	15.00
Gates Ajar				12.00	16.00	20.00	25.00	30.00
Maltese Cross	1.50	2.50	3.50	5.00	6.50	8.00	10.00	12.00
Square and Compass				5.00	6.50	8.00	10.00	12.00
Three Links. Odd Fellows' design					6.00	8.00	10.00	15.00

Also combined designs such as Wreaths with Cross, Wreaths with Stars, Heart, Rest, etc., Cross with Anchor, Crown, etc., Pillow with Star and many other combinations. Also flat design, mounted on base, from \$1 to \$8 extra, according to size.

BOUQUETS, BASKETS, DESIGNS, Etc., FOR WEDDING PARTIES, RECEPTIONS, PRESENTS AND PARLOR DECORATIONS.

	APPROXIMATE PRICE LIST.
Brides' Bouquets of choice flowers, with lace and satin paper	\$2.00 to \$10.00
Bridesmaids' Bouquets, with lace and satin paper	2.00 to 6.00
Hand Bouquets for parties, etc.	1.00 to 5.00
Table Bouquets, for parties, receptions	1.00 to 6.00
Corsage Bouquets, (larger if needed)	1.00 to 3.00
Buttonholes (Buttonhole Bouquets)	0.10 to 0.25

	APPROXIMATE PRICE LIST.
Baskets, oval, round, etc., with handles	\$1.50 to \$10.00
Flat Baskets, oval, round and oblong	1.50 to 6.00
Fancy Baskets, in many styles	3.00 to 15.00
Marriage Bells	10.00 to 25.00
Horseshoe	1.50 to 10.00
Star and Crescent	6.50 to 10.00

Rosebuds usually run from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per dozen. Simlax usually 35 cts. per string, \$3.50 per dozen. Boxes of choice Cut Flowers, suitable for presents, etc., \$1 to \$10. Also loose Cut Flowers and Simlax all the year round. Prices vary according to season.

Address—RICHARD ALSTON, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA. (Florist to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.)

HYACINTHS.

Hyacinths are favorites with all, on account of the ease with which they are cultivated, their varied colors, their beauty and their fragrance.

OUT-DOOR CULTURE.—Plant before winter frost sets in, six inches apart, four inches deep, in good soil; dig deep and enrich the soil with thoroughly decomposed manure. Cover with straw or litter when ground has frozen; remove the covering early in spring.

HOUSE CULTURE IN EARTH.—Plant deep enough to just cover top of bulb in a compost of two-thirds rich soil, one-third sand; water thoroughly, set in a dark, cool place, away from frost. When grown two or three inches, place in a light, warm room, not exposing them to direct rays of the sun; always keep soil moist.

HOUSE CULTURE IN WATER.—Fill glass so that base of bulb will almost touch. Set in a dark, cool place, away from frost, until roots have grown four or five inches, then place in a light, warm room, for blooming. If the water becomes foul clean out the glass, rinse the bulb roots, and then replace; always keep water enough in the glasses to almost reach the bulbs. Frequently a lump or two of charcoal is kept in the glasses.



SINGLE HYACINTH.



ROMAN HYACINTH.

NAMED HYACINTHS.

SINGLE RED.

<i>Amy.</i> Deep Carmine, fine truss	15 cts. each
<i>Gigantea.</i> Bright rose, large bells	20 cts. each
<i>Lord Macauley.</i> Dark rose, changing to crimson, carmine with white centre, grand spike	20 "
<i>Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe.</i> Rose pink, large truss	25 "

SINGLE WHITE.

<i>Baroness Van Thuyll.</i> Pure white, large truss	20 cts. each
<i>Grand Vedette.</i> Pure white, large bells	20 "
<i>La Grandesse.</i> Pure white, grand spike	30 "
<i>Voltaire.</i> Creamy white, fine spike	15 "

SINGLE BLUE.

<i>Charles Dickens.</i> Dark blue, fine bells	15 cts. each
<i>Czar Peter.</i> Silvery blue, splendid truss	20 "
<i>King of Blues.</i> Rich dark blue	25 "
<i>Porcelaine Sceptre.</i> Porcelaine	25 "

SINGLE YELLOW.

<i>Bird of Paradise.</i> Fine deep golden yellow, extra good	25 cts. each
<i>Herman.</i> Orange yellow	15 "
<i>Ida.</i> Perfect yellow, fine spike	30 "

DOUBLE RED.

<i>Czar Nicholas.</i> Clear rose, large bells	15 cts. each
<i>Lord Wellington.</i> Pale pink, large bells	25 "
<i>Regina Victoria.</i> Soft red	20 "

DOUBLE WHITE.

<i>Bouquet Royal.</i> Pure white	25 cts. each
<i>La Deese.</i> Pure white, fine bells	20 "
<i>La Virginite.</i> Blush white, fine spike	15 "

DOUBLE BLUE.

<i>Garrick.</i> Lilac blue, large truss	15 cts. each
<i>Laurens Koster.</i> Deep violet, large truss	30 "
<i>Rambrandt.</i> Dark porcelain-blue	15 "

DOUBLE YELLOW.

<i>Jaune Supreme.</i> Rich yellow, early flowering	25 cts. each
<i>William III.</i> Apricot yellow, pink centre	20 "

BEDDING AND FORCING MIXED HYACINTHS.

Single and Double, all Colors.—These are all good bulbs, and will be found very satisfactory, especially for bedding or forcing. Ten cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.



DOUBLE HYACINTH.

EARLY ROMAN HYACINTHS.

These are the earliest of all Hyacinths, and are especially valuable for forcing. The white variety, especially, is grown in enormous quantities by florists for winter flowers. Pure white, extra large bulbs. Ten cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

LILY OF THE VALLEY.

A popular late Spring flowering plant, producing, under favorable conditions, its racemes of pure white and deliciously scented flowers in profusion. It is a universal favorite, and flourishes well in shady situations where but few other plants will thrive. Plant the pips in well-drained pots, using soil that will retain moisture well; cover the tips to a depth of one-half inch; set away in a dark and warm location; keep well watered, using lukewarm water; after an interval of two or three weeks bring to the light, setting in a quite warm place; in the course of four or five weeks the flowers will appear. Perfectly hardy. Five cents each. 50 cts. per dozen.



LILY OF THE VALLEY.



TULIPS.



FOR FORCING OR BEDDING.

Require similar cultivation to Hyacinths, except that they should not be planted quite so deep.

PARROT OR DRAGON TULIPS.

These are in many respects the finest of all Tulips. Their flowers are larger than the other kinds and the colors striking and beautiful. Some will be clear yellow, others deep crimson, and others striped with crimson, yellow and green, from which they derive their name. A bed of Parrot Tulips in full bloom is a sight never to be forgotten, and one that will well repay anyone to go a long way to see.

Mixed, all colors. Five cents each, 40 cents per dozen.



SINGLE DOUBLE AND PARROT TULIPS.

Pottebaker, Yellow and Red
 " White. Snow white, fine form.
 " Scarlet. True scarlet, very fine
 Queen Victoria. White, delicate rose border
 Yellow Prince. Pure yellow

	Each.	Dozen
Belle Alliance. Rich crimson.....	5c.	\$0.50
Canary Bird. Rich golden yellow, fine cup.....	7c.	.75
Chrysolora. Pure yellow.....	7c.	.75
Cottage Maid. Rose Pink, striped with white.....	10c.	1.00
Duchess de Parma. Orange red, yellow border.....	5c.	.50
Fabiola. Violet and white.....	7c.	.75
Grand Duc. Brilliant red, deeply edged yellow.....	7c.	.75
Joos van Vondel. Crimson and white.....	5c.	.50
	7c.	.75
	8c.	.75
	5c.	.50
	8c.	.75

NAMED DOUBLE TULIPS.

Belle Alliance. Violet and white.....	5c.	\$0.50
Duke of York. Red and yellowish white.....	5c.	.50
Gloria Solis. Rich crimson, yellow border.....	5c.	.50
La Candeur. Pure white, fine outline.....	5c.	.50
Murillo. White, shaded rose.....	7c.	.60
Rex Rubrorum. Brilliant scarlet.....	7c.	.75
Tournesol. Red and yellow.....	8c.	.75

FINEST MIXED TULIPS.

Single Mixed Varieties (including all colors and shades), unnamed.....	5c.	.35
Double " " " " " ".....	5c.	.40

FREESIA REFRACTA ALBA.

A new class of Bulbs splendidly adapted for winter blooming, and are, we believe, to-day, the most popular winter-blooming Bulbs. They are always sure to succeed and bloom elegantly for anyone in any situation, and the great beauty and fragrance of the flowers are everywhere admired, almost as no other winter bloomer is. The blossoms or buds when cut and placed in vases of water, will keep perfect two weeks. In pots they commence blooming early and continue for a long time, the stems branching freely and producing several clusters of bloom in succession. Four to six bulbs can be planted in a five-inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be put away to form roots like Hyacinths, unless it is more convenient to do so. Planting successively from September to November will give a succession of bloom through the winter. We cannot too earnestly urge customers to plant this charming winter flower. Five cents each, 50 cents per doz.

CROCUS.

The Crocus is one of the first flowers of spring and one of the best for blooming in the house during winter. Half a dozen bulbs may be planted in a pot, and will make a very pretty show. For garden culture plant bulbs two inches deep and two or three inches apart. They are so cheap and pretty they ought to be found in every garden in great abundance.

Crocus. Blue.....	10c. per doz.
" Striped.....	10c. "
" White.....	15c. "
" Purple.....	15c. "



CROCUS.

ALLIUM NEAPOLITANUM.

A grand bulb for winter blooming. Its flower stems are twenty inches high, supporting a large cluster of delicate white flowers, which keep perfect many weeks. For bridal bouquets or funeral work these flowers are unsurpassed, having a delicate beauty peculiar to itself. They are sure to bloom splendidly in any window, and will be greatly admired. Plant 3 to 6 bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and you will have a beautiful object for fully a month in winter. We know of nothing of the same cost which will afford such an elegant pot of flowers. It starts growth as soon as potted, and commences to bloom in January, lasting a long time. Planted in the garden, they are also splendid for early spring blooming. Five cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

NARCISSUS.

Scarcity is constantly on the increase; they are quite hardy and of easy culture, grow well in any light soil, and require about the same culture as Hyacinths. Many of the species are extremely valuable for bouquets and corsage flowers, and their ease of culture and sure-blooming habit, render them a favorite with the florist as well as the amateur.

SINGLE NARCISSUS.

	Each.	Dozen.
Poeticus. Pure white, red crown.....	5c.	\$0.50
Poeticus Ornatus. Pure white, orange crown.....	8c.	.75
Trumpet Major. Deep golden yellow.....	8c.	.75

DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

Poeticus Flore Pleno. Double white.....	5c.	.50
Orange Phoenix. Orange and yellow.....	10c.	1.00
Von Sion. (Double Daffodil.) Yellow.....	5c.	.50

POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS.

Grand Monarque. White, citron cup.....	8c.	.75
Newton. Yellow, orange cup.....	8c.	.75
Staten General. White, yellow cup.....	5c.	.50



Narcissus Orientalis.

The Chinese Sacred Lily.

The "Joss Flower," or "Flower of the Gods," and considered by the Chinese to be an emblem of good luck. This is a variety of Polyanthus, or many-flowered Narcissus, grown in China, where they attain great size and strength, insuring luxuriant growth and remarkable profusion of bloom in a very short period. The bulbs bloom in six or eight weeks after planting, throwing up several flower stalks thickly studded with bloom; white with yellow centre; very fragrant. It flowers with perfect certainty, with immense quantities of flowers in bloom for a remarkably long period. One of the greatest curiosities of the entire bulb family, as they are flowered in shallow ornamental bowls containing water and pebbles only, the bulbs being surrounded by pebbles to prevent them from upsetting when in bloom. No dirt, no trouble, and a constant fund of instruction and interest, as well as very ornamental. See cut.

20 cents each, \$2 per dozen.



CHINESE SACRED LILY.

OXALIS.

A beautiful ever-blooming plant, excellent for pots, hanging baskets, etc. The bulbs of these plants I can supply in 3 distinct varieties, and as they are very easily grown, should be had by every lover of flowers. Single white, single pink, and double yellow. Dry Bulbs, 10c. each, \$1 per dozen.



SPIREA JAPONICA.

Excellent for forcing, produces beautiful sprays of silver white flowers in February and March. With its dark green and fern-like foliage it presents, when in bloom, a very attractive appearance; perfectly hardy. See cut.

Price for strong clumps (not mailable) 25c. each, \$2.50 per doz.

SNOWDROPS.

This, the earliest of spring flowering bulbs, is universally admired for the modest beauty of its elegant snow-white drooping blossoms. They succeed well in any soil, and should be planted where they are to remain, as they bloom best if not disturbed.

Single Snowdrops, 5c. each, 25c. per doz.
Double " 8c. " 50c. "



ASTILBA (SPIREA) JAPONICA.



LILIAM HARRISII.

LILIAM HARRISII—True Bermuda Easter Lily

This is not only the finest but also the most profitable Lily for winter forcing. effective for decorative purposes, where its delicious fragrance, profusion of blo whiteness, combined with its keeping qualities, render it indispensable at a season are usually scarce, as it can be forced into bloom by the Christmas holidays; an decoration at Easter it is more extensively used than any of the Lily family.

Bulbs 7 to 9 inches circumference, 15c. each, \$1.50 per doz.; postage 1c. per bulb extra.
 " 9 to 11 " 25c. " 2.50 " " 2c. "
 " 10 to 14 " 40c. " 4.00 " " 3c. "

LILIAM LONGIFLORUM.

A variety bearing in clusters beautiful snow-white trumpet-shaped flowers of rare fragrance; almost exactly like *Lilium Harrisii* in shape, but blooms later, extending the season of that beautiful kind. Fine for forcing for winter flowers, beautiful snow white, hardy and fragrant, bearing trumpet-shaped flowers 6 to 8 inches long.

First size bulbs, 7 x 9 inches in circumference, 20c. each, \$2 per doz.; postage 2c. per bulb extra.
 Medium " 5 x 7 " 10c. " 1 " " 1c. "

LILIAM CANDIDUM—Annunciation or Madonna Lily.

With its fragrant snow-white blossoms, this is an invaluable lily for winter forcing, while it is also a great favorite in the garden on account of its hardiness. Bulbs, extra large, 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.; postage 3 cts. per bulb extra.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

This, the queen of autumn flowers, still is in the lead. Nothing in the way of flowers has received the care and attention for the past few years with such gratifying results, both in the quality of flowers and diversity of bloom. It is simply impossible to give justice to some of the varieties in our brief descriptions. In November and December there is nothing that will make such a cheerful display. During the last season hundreds of people visited my greenhouses to see the varied and gorgeous colors and fantastic shapes of the now many existing varieties, which make them the most popular and fashionable of all autumn flowers. Plants in 5-inch pots 25 cts. each.

CALLA LILIES.

Calla-lily or Lily-of-the-Nile are names under which *Richardias* are commonly known. They bloom at almost any season of the year, and require but a short season of rest—say from July to October. Dry bulbs may be potted or planted in rich soil, and an abundance of water given at all times when growing.

Dwarf Calla, "Little Gem."—Should not be confused with *The Gem*, being entirely distinct. It is, indeed, a "pigmy," scarcely ever exceeding the height of one foot, yet producing good-sized flowers in great abundance. The bulbs of "Little Gem" are exceedingly scarce. My stock of *Little Gem Calla* has been procured direct from the originator of this variety. The flowers will be found exceedingly useful for "cut flower work," and will be grown by the millions. It is already creating a great sensation. 50 cts. each.

Dwarf Calla Lily, "The Gem."—The great value of this over the common *Calla Lily* lies in its *dwarf habit* and freedom of bloom. The principal objection to the older variety is found in its rank growth, but in this improved sort that objection is overcome. It rarely exceeds 18 inches in height, and blooms most abundantly. The flowers are not more than half the size of the common variety, and therefore can be used with telling effect in bouquets. It is in every way superior as a house plant to the larger growing variety. Price, strong blooming plants from pots, 50 cts. each; second size plants from pots, 30 cts. each; small size plants from pots, 20 cts. each.



THE DWARF CALLA "LITTLE GEM,"

THE BLACK CALLA LILY. (*Arum Sanctum*.)

This is undoubtedly the greatest novelty in the plant line introduced within the past 25 years. The bulbs of *Arum Sanctum* (Solomon's Lily), which I offer, came from around about Jerusalem, where they are grown, making each one a valuable souvenir of the Holy Land. Heretofore this rare flower has been seen only in rich botanical collections, it being too scarce for general distribution. At last I am able to get it in sufficient quantity and at low enough price to put it within the reach of all who prize wonderful and scarce varieties. It is very difficult to properly describe *Arum Sanctum*. The magnificent flowers are *sweet-scented* and often over a foot long, seven to nine inches across, and so beautifully shaped and turned that they must have served as models for the exquisite vases and sculptures of the great ancient artists; color the richest velvety black imaginable; spike, or spadix, rises 10 to 12 inches, and is ebony black; splendid rich green luxuriant foliage. My friends and customers will be glad to hear that all who can grow the *Calla Lilly* can easily grow this remarkable novelty, needing only somewhat larger pot or box and rather richer soil. 50 cents each.

THE WHITE CALLA LILY. (*The Lily of the Nile*.)

This lovely *Calla* was introduced years ago, and there is probably no plant so popular for house culture at the present time. Its beautiful pure snow-white flowers and spear-shaped leaves are almost always found in the window garden. It requires plenty of water, and can be made to flower at almost any season of the year.

Strong plants, 25 cts. each; second size, 15 cts. each; small, from thumb pots, 10 cts. each.

CALLA LILY BULBS.

The dry, or rested, bulb is found to be easily forced, producing finer flowers in greater profusion than when kept in pots from year to year, and what is important, you can economize space in growing them.

First size, 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz.; second size, 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.; large bulbs, to flower at once, 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz.



WHITE CALLA

Rex Begonias.

Awarded 1st Prize at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

The most ornamental of window plants when well grown. Give them a soil composed of well rotted sods, wood earth, and sharp sand. They require a warm, moist atmosphere, and a shady situation. They are universally admired for their grand leaves, which are elegant in form, rich in coloring, and of the deepest velvety texture. Do not allow the sun to strike the leaves when wet. My collection embraces all the new and popular sorts. Plants from 3 in. pots, 25c. each; from 5 in. pots, 50c. each.

Flowering Begonias for Winter.

Alba Picta.—A perfectly distinct variety, shrubby in habit, and of very compact growth, having slender pointed leaves on short stems. The leaves are glossy green, thickly spotted with silvery white; the foliage small and elegant. The branches are upright and gracefully curving.

Argentea Guttata.—A cross between Olbia and Alba Picta. This variety has the silvery blotches of the Alba Picta and the form and beauty of Olbia. Purple bronze leaves, oblong in shape, with silvery markings. White flowers on the tip of the stems. Fine for house culture.

Carrierii.—A clean, bright grower, thriving under the roughest treatment, and always producing a profusion of beautiful, pure white bloom in clusters, but freest in the winter.



REX BEGONIAS.

Incarnata—Grandiflora Rosea.—This variety is attracting much attention in the East, whole houses being devoted to its culture. The terminal branches, with their rose colored flowers, are in good demand for cut flower work. 15c. each, large plants, 25c. and 50c. each.

CARNATIONS.

Awarded 1st and 2nd Prize at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

The Carnation is one of the sweetest and prettiest flowers that grow. It is beautiful and fragrant, and gives plenty of flowers, for a long time. The ever-blooming varieties are admirable for winter flowering in the greenhouse and window garden, and are the main dependence for cut flowers throughout the winter months. I know of no class of plants that will give more satisfactory results, when treated as ordinary bedding plants, they being truly perpetual, throwing up one flower stem after another throughout the season.

New Carnation Marguerite.

This variety is new, and has created quite a sensation among the entire gardening public. The flowers of these are remarkably large and very double, measuring, in nearly every instance, two inches across, and the colors range through many shades of red, pink and white, forming some beautiful contrasts. A striking feature of these Carnations is the wonderful productiveness of the plant. The flowers are very numerous. We counted on one plant this year 37 blooms, which is only an ordinary showing. If sown in spring, flowering begins early in summer and continues blooming until late in fall, when they can be potted for the house, and will flower abundantly throughout the winter.

Plants from 5 inch pots, ready to bloom, 25 cents each; \$2.50 per doz.



CARNATION MARGUERITE.

CINERARIA HYBRIDA.

A showy winter blooming plant with clusters of purple and white, and many other varied colored flowers, which are borne well above the broad foliage, which droops gracefully down on all sides. They make very symmetrical plants, and give abundance of very showy flowers. They require a cool room, where they will remain long in perfection. See cut.

Plants from 3 in. pots.....15c. each.
" 5 "25 "



ALSTON'S NEW HYBRID COLEUS.

Awarded 1st and 2nd Prize at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

The Coleus are plants with richly colored foliage, veined and spotted in a beautiful manner. They are fine for either bedding or table plants, many of them outranking in color the most beautiful Crotons, and make superb specimens if grown with care. In consequence of their easiness to grow and their great beauty, I have made a specialty of them, and have succeeded in raising some of the most beautiful varieties, both for color and habit, that have ever been offered to the public. To those who try any of these, I will say that they will be delighted with them, as we have never offered anything in our previous Catalogues to compare with them.

Small plants from 3 inch pots, 15 cents each; large plants 25 to 50 cents each.

SCOLLAY'S RUBBER PLANT SPRINKLER.

Indispensable for floral work and window gardening, and very useful for damping clothes or sprinkling in any way. \$1.25 each. By mail \$1.40.



CINERARIA.

CYCLAMEN.

The Cyclamen is fast coming into popular favor, and deservedly so, as the queen of winter-blooming plants. Combining well-shaped habit, beautifully marked foliage, and a very floriferous disposition; a good specimen plant presents a magnificence, more especially so as it blooms continuously through the long winter months. For the past four or five years I have been endeavoring to perfect a strain of **Northern Grown Cyclamen Seed**, and have succeeded beyond my expectations. Consequently I can now offer to the public a strain of Cyclamen (either seed or plants) that will compare favorably with, and eclipse most of, the varieties sent out by any European or American house.

Mr. Bedford, of the Brandon Experimental Farm, who saw our Cyclamen plants in full bloom, tells us that they were 50 per cent. better than anything he saw while visiting the World's Fair, and he paid particular attention to that line.

Cyclamen Plants

Of our Giant strain in the following colors:

- Alston's Giant.**—Red and white.
“ —Crimson.
“ —Rose.
“ —White.

Alston's Vulcan.—A Cyclamen possessing extraordinary deep Crimson color. The flowers look very rich by artificial light.

Plants from thumb pots, 25 cts. each, from 5-in. pots, 50 cts. each; large plants, \$1 each.

Cyclamen Seed.

A magnificent strain, with flowers of extraordinary size and great substance. The leaves are proportionately large and very beautifully marked with silver grey. We confidently recommend the following varieties of seed:

ALSTON'S GIANT WHITE.—A new white variety of the giganteum type, possessing great merit. Compact habit, with strong flower stems and fine foliage. Great profusion of bloom, white in color, and of fine appearance.

ALSTON'S GIANT CRIMSON.—Undoubtedly one of the most charming Cyclamen ever produced. The flowers are large, and thrown up well above the foliage.

ALSTON'S GIANT MIXED.—An extra choice strain of this beautiful class saved from very large flowers of rich and varied colors. Pk. 50 cts. each.



Culture

Seed may be sown at any time of the year. The important months are October and November, and January or February, for ensuring a succession. Use either pots or pans, firmly filled with rich loam and leaf mould, mingled with a sufficiency of sharp sand to ensure drainage. Dibble the seed an inch apart and a quarter of an inch deep. Autumn sowings must have a temperature of not less than 45°, and the winter sowings from 56° to 70°, not higher. The seed germinates very slowly and irregularly. Transfer to thumb-pots as ready, and shift on until the 6-inch size is reached. The whole secret of successful Cyclamen culture may be summed up in a few words: constant and unvarying heat, a moist atmosphere, and abundant supplies of water without stagnation; free circulation of air, avoiding cold draughts; light in winter and shade in summer, with freedom from insect pests.

PLEASE REMEMBER that I shall be glad to hear what success you have had with my plants, etc., and when I can do so I will cheerfully answer inquiries in regard to causes of failure if such has resulted. I am glad for expressions of opinion both upon the arrival of the goods and at the close of the season, but I hope my friends will be careful about drawing hasty conclusions concerning any particular plant that does not come up to their expectations. The first blossoms are nearly always imperfect, and, even if the plants are large, it requires some time for them to fully recover from the shock incident to shipping and handling. Please give my plants a fair trial, and I am sure they will give satisfaction.



VISITORS are always welcome at my place, and any of my customers visiting Winnipeg should not fail to come in and inspect my stock of plants and other things. I shall be glad to show you around, whether you come to buy or not.

Awarded 1st Prize for - FERNS at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

Large growers of this class of plants, and can furnish almost any variety, having 100 varieties in their graceful foliage makes them very valuable for baskets, vases, etc.

Capillus Veneris.—This new fern is a valuable introduction, being very easily grown, and the best fern for keeping after being cut, the fronds lasting longer than any other fern, therefore much more valuable. This is the fern for the amateur to grow, as it will thrive under circumstances that will kill most other ferns. This variety should be had in every collection of plants. 15c. each, large plants 25c. to 50c. each.

Asplenium Bulbifurum (known to most amateurs as the Carrot Fern).—This is one of the most desirable ferns for table use, having a very graceful habit, the fronds which hang down over the pot are covered with small plants growing from different parts of the frond, thus making the plant curious as well as ornamental. It is a great favorite, and therefore sells better than any other fern we handle. Small plants 25 cts. each, large plants 50 cts., 75 cts., and \$1 each.

Nephrolepis Exaltata, the Sword Fern.—A splendid extra hardy sort, wonderfully well adapted for house culture, succeeding with ordinary care with every one who tries it. The fronds are often 4 ft. long. Makes a fine hanging-basket plant for window bracket, throws out runners which quickly make new plants. Each 25c.



FERNS.

Awarded Two 1st Prizes for - GERANIUMS at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

No class of plants is more generally cultivated than the geranium. A group of scarlet geraniums is a dazzling sight from June to November. Wherever we go where plants are grown in any part of the civilized world, we find the geranium. At once useful and beautiful, and entirely eclipsing by its mass of bloom and brilliant coloring its more aristocratic and costly neighbors. Where used in connection with Alternanthera, Coleus, and other foliage plants, they make an attractive display. The geranium family is so extensive and varied that I have deemed it desirable to offer only the best varieties adapted for the North and West. Plants specially grown for winter blooming, from 5 inch pots, 25 cts. each.

HELIOTROPE.

These plants are universal favorites on account of their delightful fragrance. They make handsome plants when bedded out, blooming moderately in the summer and in great profusion early in the fall. They are also very desirable for house culture, a single plant filling a whole room with perfume.

Jersey Beauty.—This variety has proven to be the best of all the dark purple varieties we have seen, the new sorts of recent introduction not excepted; it is very fine.

Madam Bruant.—One of the finest we have ever seen. Plant dwarf and exceedingly fine blooming, immense panicles of very large flowers, rich purple with large white eye.

Mrs. David Wood.—The new semi-double variety. This is a very nice distinct heliotrope, with large trusses of violet flowers with light centre. 10 cts. each, large.



HELIOTROPE.

GREVILLEA ROBUSTA.

(THE SILK OAK.)

A magnificent plant for decorative purposes, of rapid, easy growth, finely-cut foliage, rivalling a rare fern. The young growing leaves are a light bronze color, the tips being covered with a soft down, closely resembling *raw silk*, hence the name of "Silk Oak." In its native place it attains magnificent proportions, and produces an abundance of bright orange-colored flowers. Price, fine plants, 75c. each; small plants, 25c. each.

PRIMULA OBCONICA, Everblooming Primrose.

This is without doubt one of the finest pot plants ever introduced, and cannot fail to give every satisfaction. The flowers are produced on long stems, well above the foliage, pure white, shading to lilac, and has the true primrose fragrance. It is a constant source of pleasure, being always in bloom. See cut.

25 cts. each, large plants 50 cts. to 75 cts. each.

PRIMULA, Chinese Primrose.

The "Chinese Primrose" is a great favorite for the house and conservatory. The foliage is pretty and attractive, and the flowers 1½ to 2 inches across, borne in clusters of from 25 to 50 perfectly charming colors, and borne all through the winter and spring. One of our best pot plants.

Double White.—This variety is very choice, and very useful in cut flower work, being perfectly double.

Large plants from 5 inch pots, 50 cts. each; large plants from 4 inch pots, 30 cts. each.

Single, all colors.—Strong plants from 5 inch pots, 35 cts. each; young plants from 3 inch pots, 20 cts. each.



PRIMULA OBCONICA.



New Show Pelargoniums.

(LADY WASHINGTON GERANIUMS.)

Possibly no plant in cultivation possesses as brilliant markings, varied with all shades of pink, carmine, white, etc., as the Pelargonium, so much that words cannot well describe them. These are not winter flowering plants, but in order to have good strong plants that will make a good display in the early spring, you need to secure young plants in the fall, which if potted once or twice in the winter or early spring will give you lovely flowering specimens for April and May. The following are all very choice varieties:

Duke of Connaught.—Lower petals very light Pink, distinctly pencilled with lines of a darker shade, upper petals crimson shaded maroon, flower very large and frilled, this is unquestionably the finest Pelargonium ever before our notice, either here or in England, where Pelargoniums are made a specialty of.

Crimson King.—A fine strong healthy grower, with splendid trusses of large crimson flowers; the two upper petals being striped and bloched with maroon. A fine variety, easily grown, and should be had by every lover of this class of plants.

Dr. Andre.—Pink centre; with carmine blotch on upper petals, white throat and edges; the most beautiful frilled edge variety grown.

Miss Amelia.—Lower petals crimson; upper petals deep vermillion shading to deep maroon; a dazzling flower, one of the finest Pelargoniums both for habit and flower.

Victor.—This is the finest marked variety ever before my notice. It is a bright cherry pink, white at base of petals, the two upper petals are crimson maroon, with a fine cherry pink edge, the three lower marked and spotted crimson maroon. A very showy variety.

Price 25 cents each or the collection of 5 for \$1.

"Beauty of St. Helen's."—Petals violet with deep chocolate band in centre; very dwarf and compact habit, fine fancy variety.

Belle of Paris.—Bright cherry and rose; upper petals blotched scarlet; feathered maroon and purple, light throat, very large flowers.

Eureka.—Color deep pink; upper petals darker shade with dark maroon blotch, a fine variety with a distinct dwarf habit.

Favorite.—White centre, shading to mauve and scarlet, with a mauve edge; upper petals feathered scarlet and white; very choice.

Little Red Riding Hood.—Color pink, edged with white; distinct white eye; another fine fancy variety.

Lord Stanley.—Lower petals deep shade of salmon, upper petals a shade darker with maroon blotch, white eye and white band round edge of petals; a splendid shaped flower. Fine variety.

Lucy Morton.—Nearly pure white, most lovely flower.

Miss Maggie.—Color resembling Duke of Connaught without penciling, but having a distinct white eye, the blotch on the upper petals being darker than in that variety.

Morganii.—Pink centre; red petals, with a very dark blotch on each petal, the blotch being large on the two upper and small on the three lower petals; very choice.

Nereneis.—Color light pink; with large dark blotch on upper petals; very showy.

Pink Digby.—White centre, each petal shading to mauve and scarlet, with a mauve edge.

Prince of Wales.—The three lower petals white with pink tinge, while the two upper petals have a large rich dark blotch with a pink edge making a good contrast, very large and showy.

Thos. Dodd.—Color pink, dark blotch on upper petals, flower very uniform and choice. Price 15 cts. each; or 13 for \$1.50.

STEVIA SERRATE.

White, winter-blooming plants, never growing over 18 inches; a great improvement over the old Stevia. It produces a far denser mass of flowers, and whiter than the old variety. Very fragrant. 10 cts. each. Large plants 25 cts. and 50 cts. each.

VIOLETS.

Of all delightful perfumes, that of the Sweet Violet is the most delicate and pleasing. They are hardy, particularly in sheltered situations, but should have a light covering of leaves or garden litter in winter. For winter flowering keep the buds pinched off during summer. Violets grow and bloom during winter with no trouble whatever if given a situation from which frost is barely excluded, but will not succeed in a warm place.

Marie Louise.—The well-known double light purple variety. We offer strong healthy plants, so that any amateur will have no difficulty in growing them. Thousands of this peerless variety are grown for the flowers alone to supply the cut-flower markets of the country during the winter season.

Swanley White.—Similar to Marie Louise in every respect but color, which in this variety is pure white. It is very double, deliciously fragrant and vigorous in growth; fully the equal in every way of Marie Louise, and a fitting companion for it.

Neapolitan.—Darkest blue, flowering very continuously and freely, rich perfume; double. Plants from 3 inch pots 15 cts.; from 5 inch pots 25 cts. each.

PLANTS AND OTHER DECORATIVE PLANTS.

ing is a select list of rare and handsome varieties, which can be recommended for apartments, conservatory decorations during the summer. The prices vary according to size and rarity. The plants, at prices named, are fine, healthy, well-grown specimens. Can be sent only by express.



FICUS ELASTICA, or RUBBER TREE.

Thick shining leathery leaves, ten inches long by three wide. The India-Rubber tree is a popular house plant, as it succeeds well with ordinary treatment, and its large foliage and erect form are much admired. The plants require plenty of light, and should never be exposed to draughts. Sponge the leaves often, to keep the plant free from dust. Small plants 50 cts. to 75 cts. each. Fine specimen plants, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.

ACALYPHA MARGINATA or SHRUBBY COLEUS.

A beautiful variegated leaved plant used for decorative purposes. The color of the young leaf is dark green, veined with crimson, with a few sharp pointed spines, colored crimson, also a few yellow blotches on leaf. As the leaf becomes older, the bands of color widen and assume a more intense shade, and as the plant will have several differently colored leaves at the same time, it presents a most beautiful and striking appearance. Price 25c. each. Large plants 50c. to \$1.00 ea.

ANTHERICUM, VITATUM VARIEGATUM.

An elegant house plant, with re-curved, graceful foliage, dark green leaves, beautifully bordered with broad stripes of pure white. It throws up long spikes of small, star-shaped flowers, which are very effective. Good for centre baskets or for rock-work, or makes a handsome pot plant when well grown; easy culture and endures considerable hardship. Small plants, 15 cts. each; large plants, from 50 cts. to \$1.00 each.



SANSEVIERIA ZEYLANICA.

Another tuberous plant that we have succeeded in popularizing; eminently adapted for use in parlors, vestibules and for other decorative purposes, its leaves remain in a perfect state for years. These grow to a length of 3 to 4 feet, and are striped crosswise with light green variegations on dark green ground—a beautiful contrast. Grow equally well in sun or shade, and while it loves plenty of water, it will thrive for months without it. It bears a tall spike crowded with large creamy-white, sweet-scented flowers. Tubers keep for many weeks in sand or dry earth. 30 cts. each; large plants 50 cts. and 75 cts. each.

Kentia Balmoreana.—A very reliable palm for house decorations, of more compact growth than "Areca Lutescens," and darker green. \$1.50 to \$5 each.

Latania Borbonica, or Fan-Leaf Palm.—A strong, hardy grower; useful for general decorative purposes; fine plants. \$1 to \$5 each.

Seaforthea Elegans.—Rapid grower; soon makes fine specimen plants. \$1 to \$3 each.

Pandanus Utilis, called "Screw Pine," from the arrangement of the leaves on the stem. It is a beautiful plant, excellently adapted for the centres of vases and baskets, or grown as a single specimen. No plant is better suited for room culture. Perfect specimens, \$1 to \$3 each.

Pileas Muscosa (Artillery Plant)—Graceful, fern-like foliage, and immense numbers of very small flowers, which produce a snapping sound when sprinkled. It is a novel and very interesting plant, having a very graceful habit. (See cut.) 15 cts. each; large plants 35 cts. each.



KENTIA BALMOREANA.



ANTHERICUM VARIEGATUM.

CYPERUS ALTERNIFOLIUS or UMBRELLA PLANT.

A strikingly handsome plant, suitable for house or outside, of easy culture, and sure to give you complete satisfaction. It reproduces itself from the roots, and may be subdivided. It also makes a splendid water plant for the centre of a vase or aquarium. Price 15 cts. each; large plants 50 cts., 75 cts. and \$1.00.

PHŒNIX RECLINATA.

A fine large growing species of very rapid growth; very hardy, stands any amount of hard usage; fine vase palm. Specimen plants, \$2 each; strong plants, 18 in. high, \$1 each.

DRACANA INDIVISA.—Long, narrow, green leaves, making one of the most graceful, desirable and suitable plants for the centre of vases. We know of nothing so good for this purpose as this, as it stands sun and wind without injury in any way. 75 cts. to \$1 each. Smaller plants by mail 25 cts. each.



PILEAS MUSCOSA.

READ BOTTOM OF THIS
PAGE.

Choice Tea and Monthly Roses.



PAPA GONTIER.

Madam Pierre Guillot.—Unique in its brilliant combination of colors. A delicate shade of peach yellow at the base, gradually changing to a bright, clear pink on the outer edge of the petals, and deeper in the centre, giving it a most lovely and artistic finish; it is a good, strong grower, equally valuable for summer or winter. Price 50 cts. each.

Niphetos.—Long graceful buds of snowy white, remaining in perfect form a long time after being out. Plant is of dwarf growth but for pot culture is unsurpassed, blooming freely and constantly. The flowers are beautiful in their formation and deliciously fragrant. I would especially recommend this grand variety to all who desire a fine winter blooming rose. See cut.

Papa Gontier.—This splendid rose is now attracting a great deal of attention. It has proved valuable both for open ground and greenhouse culture. It is a strong, vigorous grower and free bloomer. The buds are extra large, finely formed and very beautiful; splendid large flowers; double, full and exceedingly sweet, of bright, cherry red passing to rich, glowing crimson. See cut.

Perle des Jardins.—This magnificent rose still retains its position as the finest rose of its color ever introduced, and grows into perfect favor year after year. The color is a canary or golden yellow, flowers large and beautifully formed; handsome in every stage of development, from the smallest bud to the open bloom. The color, whether light or deep, always has a peculiar softness not observed in any other yellow rose. The plant grows freely, and the foliage is a picture in itself, being beautifully edged with pink. Very full and highly perfumed. It is the favorite yellow rose.

Sunset.—A sport from the Perle des Jardins. The flowers are very large and double, producing beautiful buds and flowers in hottest summer weather. The exquisite shades of coloring found in this variety can only be compared to the gorgeous colors of a summer sunset, hence the name. The Sunset has a most delicious tea fragrance, and is a strong-growing, free-flowering variety.

The Bride.—Every lover of fine roses should have a plant of this peerless variety, as it fills a place in ever-blooming roses hitherto wanting. The Bride is a pure white rose, of large size, and most perfect form. The buds are pointed and the ends of the petals are slightly curved back, giving it a most chaste and elegant appearance. This variety has the most delicious tea fragrance, and is a strong free blooming rose, either for summer or winter flowering. Price, 25 cts. each, except where noted. Large plants 50 cts. to 75 cts. each

The following roses are very suitable for either outdoor culture or culture in the house; the collection is small but includes all the varieties grown for winter cut roses, and will be found to give better satisfaction than others I know of in our Northern climate for outdoor planting. If grown and plunged out in the garden, and taken in before frost in the fall, will make splendid plants for winter blooming.

Catharine Mermet.—Bright flesh color, with the same peculiar silvery lustre possessed by La France; large, full and of beautiful form. One of the most fashionable roses for cut flowers.

Clothilde Soupert.—The most popular ever-blooming rose of to-day. It has all the wonderful freedom of bloom peculiar to the older varieties of the Polyantha class. The flowers are of medium size, very double and beautifully formed, oval at first, but flattening as they expand. The color is a pearly white at the outer edge, shading to a centre of rosy pink, sometimes varying in shade to nearly pure white. Fragrance exquisite. It is one of the best roses for the amateur.

Duchess of Albany.—“This grand variety is a “sport” from the most popular variety, “La France,” and inherits all the grand qualities which have made its parent the favorite it is. To these is added a richness of color very difficult to describe—a shade which an artist describes as “Tyrian Rose,” which is very rare. It is this rich tint which has earned for it the popular title of “Red La France.” In profusion of bloom it is remarkable, every shoot producing large double flowers of exquisite fragrance and grand form.

Hermosa.—An old favorite, always in bloom and always beautiful. The flower is cupped, finely formed and full; color the most pleasing shade of pink, soft but deep.

La France.—Delicate silvery rose, shaded, with cerise pink, often silvery pink, with peach shading; very large, very double, and of superb form. It flowers continuously throughout the season. None can surpass the delicacy of its coloring; in fragrance it is incomparable; in form it is perfect, and is the sweetest and most useful of all roses. It ranks first, not only in the section to which it belongs, but stands first and foremost among roses.

Madame Hoste.—This is a true ‘Tea’ variety of delicious fragrance and splendid form. It occasionally assumes a creamy white shade with a clear amber centre, but in either shade it is undoubtedly a very handsome rose, and owing to its strong, thrifty habit it is never out of bloom.



NIPHETOS.

Awarded 1st Prize for Roses in Pots and 1st and 2nd Prizes for Cut Roses
at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1894.

Fancy Birds, Bird Seed, Cages, Novelties, Etc.



BIRDS.

German Canaries, male, each.....	\$4 00 to \$ 6 00
English Norwich Canaries, male, each.....	8 00 to 10 00
Andreasburg Trained Canaries, each.....	8 00 to 10 00
Canaries, Domestic, male, each.....	3 00 to 5 00
Canaries, female, Imported, each.....	2 00 to 4 00
Canaries, female, Domestic, each.....	1 00 to 3 00

Cash must accompany orders for birds. All birds shipped at buyer's risk.

CAGES.

Bird Cages, small, round, painted, each.....	\$0 75 to \$1 00
Bird Cages, small, square, brass, each.....	1 25 to 1 50
Bird Cages, square, brass, each.....	2 00 to 2 50
Bird Cages, square, japanned, each.....	90 to 2 00
Bird Cages, round and square, with fancy top.....	2 00 to 5 00
Bird Cages, breeding, with division in centre, each.....	2 35 to 3 25

BIRD SEEDS.

Canary (<i>Phalaris Canariensis</i>), best Sicily.....	per lb. 10c., by mail 15c.
Hemp (<i>Canabis Sativa</i>).....	per lb. 10c., by mail 15c.
Maw (<i>Papaver Rhæas</i>).....	per lb. 30c., by mail 35c.
Millet (<i>Panicum Miliaceum</i>).....	per lb. 10c., by mail 15c.
Rape (<i>Brassica Napus</i>).....	per lb. 10c., by mail 15c.

BIRD NOVELTIES.

Silver Gravel.....	Pints 5c., by mail 35c.	Quarts 10c., by mail 70c.
Cuttle Bone, with patent fastener.....	5c., same price by mail.	
Bird Manna.....	per cup, 15c.,	" "
Bird Bitters.....	per bottle, 25c.,	" "
Moulding Pepper.....	per box, 25c.,	" "
Bird Eye Water.....	per bottle, 25c.,	" "
Mite Exterminator.....	per bottle, 25c.,	" "
Nestling Hair.....	per package, 5c.,	" "
Nestling Food.....	per box, 25c., by mail 35c.	
Dried Ant Eggs.....	per pound, \$1.25, same price by mail.	

SPRING AND HOOK
25c.
BY MAIL 30c.

BIRD BREAD.

The Wonder of the Age.

No bird should be without this excellent preparation, especially during sickness, moulting or incubation, as it improves the vocal organs, increases song, makes brilliant plumage, eradicates disease, promotes the healthy operation of the gizzard, gives tone and vigor to the whole system, and is strongly recommended for birds troubled with mites. 5 cents per cake, or 6 cakes sent free by mail on receipt of 30 cts.

ALSTON'S FANCY RECLEANED MIXED BIRD SEED.

FRESH, SWEET AND CLEAN.

ALSTON'S MIXED BIRD SEED has become famous for its superior quality. I use nothing but the freshest high grade seed, free from dust and mustiness. A greater part of the canary seed sold in boxes is of the cheap grade, old and stale. My blend of seeds is particularly relished by canaries. Remember I always keep on hand from 100 to 200 canaries myself, hence I must have the best seed that can be got. 10 cents per lb. If by mail 15 cents per lb.

This illustration is from a photograph, showing one-half of the interior of one of my seven greenhouses, which will give some idea of the extent of my establishment which is now without doubt the largest and most complete establishment of the kind west of Ontario. It will also give a faint idea of the display that can be made through our cold winter months, by the use of the various winter flowering plants, bulbs, etc., that are listed in this catalogue.

The leading plants, bulbs, etc., that were in bloom at the time, were Calla Lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, Cinerarias, Primulas, Cyclamens and Freesias Refracta Alba.



PARROTS.

Gold Fish,

Fish Food

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Prices on Application.

FRUIT DEPARTMENT, Etc.

CURRENTS.

Cherry.—Berries sometimes more than half an inch in diameter, bunches short, plant very vigorous and productive good soils and well cultivated. Small plants, by mail prepaid, \$1 per doz. ; 2-year plants, by express, \$1 per doz.

Fay's Prolific.—Has been cultivated for some years alongside of the best and most popular old varieties, and has such claims that were ever made for it by the originator. The bunches are four inches and upwards in length, and the berries are largest size. Plants, by mail prepaid, \$2.50 per doz., by express, \$2 per doz.

White Grape.—Very large, yellowish-white, sweet or very mild acid, excellent quality, and valuable for the table ; the finest the white sorts ; very productive. Small plants, by mail prepaid, \$1 ; 2-year plants, only by express, \$1.25 per doz.

Black Naples.—Much larger than the Black English, sometimes measuring half an inch in diameter. Fine for wine or jellies. Small plants, by mail prepaid, 75c. per doz. ; 2-year plants, by express, \$1 per doz.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

The Palmetto.—Until we found this new Palmetto Asparagus, Conover's Colossal was the leading sort, and justly so ; but the Palmetto is not only much earlier but is also a better yielder, and is more even and regular in its growth, and must eventually supplant the old favorite. Average bunches, containing fifteen shoots, measure 13½ inches in circumference, and weigh about 2 lbs. The Palmetto has now been planted in all parts of the country, and the reports we have indicate that it is equally well adapted for all sections north and south. Its quality is unequalled. One year old these give best results. By mail prepaid, \$1.50 per 100, by express \$1 per 100 ; 2-year-old, by mail prepaid, \$2 per 100, by express \$1.50 per 100.

RHUBARB ROOTS.

Linnæus and Victoria.—Large early, \$2 per doz. ; by express or freight.

RASPBERRIES.

Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market.—A wonderfully strong and hardy variety, which stands the hardships of our Canadian winter remarkably well. The berries frequently measure three inches around. In color rich crimson, very handsome, and so firm that they are shipped hundreds of miles by rail. They are unexcelled in flavor, most abundant cropper, without doubt the best raspberry up to date. Price by express, 65c. per doz., \$2 per 100 ; by mail 75c. per doz., prepaid.

Hansell.—Canes rather small, but hardy and productive ; with tough, healthy foliage. Berries large, crimson, good quality, and firm. Price by express, 50c. per doz., \$2 per 100 ; by mail 60c. per doz., prepaid.

Turner.—Very hardy, vigorous, productive and early ; fruit large, bright red, excellent quality. One of the best for home use, too soft for market. By express, 50c. per doz., \$1.50 per 100 ; by mail 60c. per doz., prepaid.

PERENNIAL ONION SETS.

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